

# THE NEW COVENANT



## News of the Family from The United Presbyterian Church at Whitinsville

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### September 12 is our Rally Day kick off!

This is the opportunity to put time and talents together and join with each other in service to grow the body of Christ. We will have information about our committees and how you can use your gifts and talents to further God's work here at home, locally and globally. The Fun Food and Fellowship Committee is planning a luncheon after the worship service. Sunday School will start on September 19. Stay tuned to hear what small groups will be starting up. We will also offer a blessing of the backpacks.



### Blackstone Valley Crop Hunger Walk

The Blackstone Valley Crop Hunger Walk is back!! 9:00am Saturday October 17th, 2021 stay tuned for more details from Coordinator Tanya Morin

#### Miss Church?

Watch our Services online  
[www.whitinpres.org/sermons](http://www.whitinpres.org/sermons)

Live in Northbridge?

Watch it on Charter Cable Channel  
191 Wednesday's at 10 AM (or later).

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Office Hours: 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday

12:00 PM - 4:00 PM Friday

\*The church office is CLOSED on Thursdays

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<b>Ministries</b>	Sept 5.	Sept 12.	Sept 19.	Sept 26.	Oct 3.
<b>Worship Leader</b>	L. Walsh	S. Santoro	M. Alling	J. Finnegan	R. Thomas
<b>Greeters</b>	W. Colonero	B. Giemza	T. Morin	D. Baker	James D. Baker
<b>Ushers</b>	J. Baker	L. Walsh	K. Miedema	J. Baker	B. Giemza
<b>Sound Board</b>	G. Giemza	G. Giemza	M. Thomas	G. Giemza	G. Giemza
<b>Power Point</b>	R. Thomas	L. Joyce	M. Mercer	J. Tobin	K. Mercer
<b>Media</b>	K. Mateer	K. Mateer	J. Tobin	K. Mateer	K. Mateer
<b>Lemonade on the Lawn</b>		Rally Day			

Your service is very important. If you cannot serve on the date listed, please switch with another person *and* inform the church secretary of the change.

**\*\*Sunday Morning Worship Schedule\*\***

**Adult Education**

**9:30AM - 10:30AM**

**Morning Worship Service**

**10:30AM - 11:30AM (in Sanctuary and online)**

*“For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them”* Matthew 18:20



As I write this column for the September Newsletter, I am still vacationing on Jekyll Island. In many ways, it is a world away from the world in which I live the other 48 weeks out of the year. It is truly “a place apart,” as Jesus would call it, and it is not only a place of rest and spiritual renewal but also a place that offers a different perspective on that other world.

There is a golf course on the island that has paved pathways one can walk. In the evening, which is the only sensible time one would choose to walk an unshaded path on an island this far south, one particular pathway offers what to me is a unique experience. The path leads to a lagoon, positioned in the shade of very tall live oak and pine trees.

In the evening, at sunset, all manner of water fowl find sanctuary for the night in the trees surrounding that lagoon. The list exceeds all the birds I’ve ever identified, but it includes cranes, herons, egrets, gulls, cormorants, and terns. In the light from the setting sun, the white and gray birds take on a decidedly pink glow.

There is a cacophony of bird calls, perhaps calls to mates announcing one mate’s whereabouts in the sanctuary. There is much activity as what must be well over 100 birds fly into the trees over the course of 20 to 25 minutes. And then, slowly, as they settle in the noise of bird calls slowly dies down. No more birds arrive, and the sanctuary is finally very quiet.

It is interesting to watch the incoming flights. There does not seem to be any rhyme or reason for choosing a particular location for the night, although surely each bird species has some sort of preference. None chooses really low branches; there is an alligator that rests for the night in the lagoon.

One of the things that it is impossible not to notice is that there is no grouping of birds according to species. Cormorants do not have a particular location where they all gather, nor do cranes, herons, or any other species. And I have never seen squabbling or out and out fighting over a particular branch of a particular tree. No bird seems to claim ownership of any particular location, and all birds find a place of rest in the sanctuary without any one taking charge and assigning perches.

The sight of all those birds, some reflecting the pink of sunset, flying into the trees surrounding the lagoon, which also is home to an alligator, for nighttime sanctuary always reminds me of the passage in Isaiah: “The wolf and the lamb shall feed together....They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain, says the Lord” (Isaiah 65:35).

In a lagoon on Jekyll Island, that prophecy seems much closer to coming true, at least in the animal kingdom, than it does where you and I live. Would that the birds and the alligator could tell us how to make it happen in our sanctuaries!

Rev. Dr. Susan DeHoff

## Church Family News



Gaye Shannon with her new granddaughter, Madelyn Rose Shannon. Who was born on August 1st, weighing 6lbs. 13oz.



Chris and Gaye Shannon with the new addition to the Shannon family.



Madelyn Rose Shannon



Robie Sabourin and his new fiancé Abby Mackintosh.



Everett Parker, visiting our church. He was a member when he was a young child, he recently came for a visit from Ohio to see some family.



Mallorie Mercer on her first day of senior year and she even was surprised by a parking spot decorated just for her.



Here is a picture of him and his bible school in 1930, on the front steps of our church.

## ***Deacon's Corner for September 2021–***

The Deacon's had a long night recently as they got together with new faces joining in our group. We wish to extend our gratitude to those who moved on to new positions and challenges, so we want to share best wishes to Tonya, Gay, and Brandy in their next adventures within the church.

### ***The Meeting took Place on Monday, July 26th***

The updated group of deacons had plenty to items to cover, which included:

- **The Serving of Communion**

- The choreography for moving inside the church while serving communion
- Service to the home-bound
- Practice a “quick training” before church on a communion Sunday so that we know the mechanics of serving.
- The regular serving of communion will begin on September.
- Signing up for days that individual deacons will serve
- Homebound Individuals (with a flower added to give)
- The Deacons each signed up for when they will serve during the year.

- **Reports shared from the Treasurer and Secretary**

- **Updates for the 2021-2022 Board of Deacons**

- New Secretary-- Ronda Thomas; Debbie Baker—assistant
- Treasurer – Kim Mercer
- New member – Judy Salzburg
- Carol Pilibosian – Memorial Fund Committee Representative
- A list of the Board of Deacons can be found upon request

- **Updated Church directories will soon be produced by the office**

- **Shut-in/Care Giver Updates and List reviewed**

NOTE: Deacons will appreciate any further notes on anybody who needs to be added to the list

- **Went over Care Recipient Updates (including a milestone birthday!)**

- **Shared Praises and Prayer Requests**

Submitted by,

*Ronda Thomas*, Secretary

## Missions Budget

	2021-2022 Budget	June 2021 Actual	Fiscal Year to Date	% of Budget 8.3%
<b>INCOME:</b>				
Global Missions Offerings (1)	6,000.00	262.90	262.90	4.4%
Bank Interest	0.00	1.39	1.39	
<b>BENEVOLENCE INCOME TOTAL:</b>	<b>6,000.00</b>	<b>264.29</b>	<b>264.29</b>	<b>4.4%</b>
<b>GIVING:</b>				
<b>Presbytery of Boston</b>				
POB Outreach Mission	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Shared Boston Presbytery	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
<b>Presbytery of Boston Subtotal:</b>	<b>1,000.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Synod of the Northeast</b>				
Shared Synod	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
<b>Synod of the Northeast Subtotal:</b>	<b>500.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>General Assembly</b>				
Theological Education Fund	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Shared General Assembly	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
One Great Hour of Sharing	0.00	0.00	0.00	
<b>General Assembly Subtotal:</b>	<b>1,000.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>World Sponsorships</b>				
Antioch Partners - Callisons	500.00			0.0%
Wycliffe-Jones	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Pioneer-Freitas	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
<b>World Sponsorships Subtotal:</b>	<b>1,500.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Local Missions</b>				
Peace of Bread Meal/Pantry	400.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Vacation Bible School	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Unspecified Local Missions	1,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
<b>Local Missions Subtotal:</b>	<b>2,000.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>BENEVOLENCE GIVING TOTAL:</b>	<b>6,000.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.0%</b>

(1) Includes offerings specified for Peace of Bread Meal/Food Pantry

<b>NET BENEVOLENCE INCOME/LOSS:</b>				<b>264.29</b>
<b>Balance Carried Forward 5/31/21 for Global Missions:</b>				<b>127.85</b>
<b>Balance Carried Forward 5/31/21 for Peace of Bread Meal/Pantry:</b>				<b>1,063.03</b>
<b>Balance designated for Financial Peace:</b>				<b>500.00</b>
<b>Current Balance Available:</b>				<b>1,955.17</b>
		<b>June 2021</b>	<b>YTD</b>	
<b>SHELTER INCOME:</b>		0.00	0.00	
<b>SHELTER EXPENSE:</b>		(616.36)	(616.36)	
<b>Balance Carried Forward 5/31/21 for Shelter:</b>			26,669.61	
<b>Current Balance Available for Shelter:</b>			<b>26,053.25</b>	

## *Session Corner:*

July 5 : met for prayer.

July 14: called executive meeting: Accepted recommendation from presbytery to go forward with AC.

July 19 session business meeting: Approved Rev. Amy Fowler as on call Pastor during Rev. Dr. DeHoff's August vacation. Approved the fall SS class schedule.

Approved not to meet for August business.

Filled in session committee vacancies.

Approved the purchase of a new vacuum for the sexton.

July 28 called executive meeting: approved blessing of the backpacks on Rally day.

Approved in person Jr. church COVID 19 protocols.

Approved changes to balance the FY 2021-2022 budget.

August 9: met for congregational prayer.

## **Joys and Concerns**

We pray for peace and comfort for Marilyn Alling and her family, as her brother died July 24.

Please keep Eileen Straub's husband, Michael, in your prayers as the pain medication the drs. have been giving him to relieve pain caused by a deteriorated hip have not been adequate to reduce his pain.

Please keep Mark Thomas and his family in prayer as Mark is no longer employed and continues his search for a new job.

Judy asks for prayers for a close family friend, Rich Kernan, a young man 48, who has been diagnosed as having ALS. Once strong and athletic, Rich's physical abilities continue to be horribly diminished by this terrible disease.

Please pray for Anne MacLeod who just celebrated her 100th birthday. Anne fell and broke her hip. Doctors are placed a pin in Anne's hip to hold it together. She will not need a hip replacement. Please keep Anne and her family in your prayers. She was transferred to Beaumont in Northbridge for rehab on Tuesday, August 10<sup>th</sup>. Unfortunately, due to COVID, Beaumont is under another complete lock-down, Praise God for this special time together. Please continue to pray for healing and that Anne finds peace and comfort during these times of loneliness during the lock-down. It is also very hard on the family during this time of separation and concern so please keep them in your prayers as well.

We welcomed and celebrated the birth of our newest baby girl, Madelyn Rose Shannon who was born on August 1, 2021. Congratulations to Mom and Dad: Emily and Will Shannon and also to the proud grandparents: Gaye & Chris Shannon and Kurt & Jamie VandenAkker.

Gay McCrea has a prayer of thanksgiving that all testing she had done came back negative. She thanks everyone for their prayers.

Prayers are asked for Cliff Chesley, as he is not only coping with end-stage liver disease and awaiting a liver transplant, but also fell, broke his hip, and had to have surgery recently. Cliff came home from rehab and is doing o.k. but is still in a lot of pain. He is still waiting for his liver transplant. Prayers also for his wife, Darlene, for strength as she faces these trials with him.

Please keep Ronda in prayer for overall health concerns. She is being followed for another infection on her leg. They also ask prayers for safe travels as they head to Ohio Wednesday.

### **Remember Those in Hospitals, Rehab Centers and Nursing Homes:**

Gloria Rauth - Whitney Place, 85 Beaumont Dr., Rm 11, Northbridge, MA 01534

Ruth Hoekstra - Linwood Apartments No. 105, 670 Linwood Avenue, Whitinsville, MA 01588

Jim Remillard - 20 Fair Street, Uxbridge, MA 01569

Nancy Freiswyk - Beaumont Rehabilitation and Skilled Nursing Center, Beaumont Dr., Room 222, Northbridge, MA 01534

Anne MacLeod - Cottonmill Apartments #202, 17 Douglas Rd, Whitinsville, MA 01588



## September Birthday Corner

Corine Shannon	9/3
Lily Bilodeau	9/10
Christopher Szajna	9/16
Danielle Redden Blacksten	9/17
Jason Morin	9/20
Mike Zeis	9/22
Jean Finnegan	9/25
Corey Matchett	9/26
Diana Pedersen	9/27



## September Anniversary Corner

Bob and Harriet Platt	9/1
Kevin & Liz Redden	9/23

If the church office doesn't have you/your family's birthday/anniversary information, let your church family celebrate your special days with you. Please call Alice in the office at 508-234-8220 or email the office at [office@whitinpres.net](mailto:office@whitinpres.net) so we can include your birthday/anniversary dates in the Sunday bulletins and monthly newsletter.

## To Satisfy your Pumpkin Cravings:

### Pumpkin Cinnamon Swirl Bread



#### FOR THE BREAD:

- 1 (15 ounce) can pumpkin puree
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 3/4 cup canola or vegetable oil
- 3 large eggs
- 1 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 1/2 cup light brown sugar, lightly packed
- 2 1/2 cups all purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1/4 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cloves

#### FOR THE SWIRL:

- 1/3 cup granulated sugar
- 2 tablespoons ground cinnamon

#### Instructions

1. Preheat the oven to 350°F. Butter a large (9×5”) loaf pan and line with parchment paper, if desired.
2. In a large bowl, combine the pumpkin puree, vanilla extract, oil, eggs, and sugars. Whisk until well-combined.
3. In a separate large bowl, whisk together the flour, baking powder, baking soda, salt, and all of the spices. Pour the wet ingredients into the dry ingredients and stir until no streaks of flour remain.
4. In a small bowl, whisk together the remaining 1/3 cup sugar and 2 tablespoons ground cinnamon.
5. Pour a third of the batter into the prepared loaf pan. Smooth and distribute the batter gently with a spatula. Sprinkle over about 2 1/2 tablespoons of cinnamon-sugar mixture. Layer with another third of the batter and sprinkle, again, with about 2 1/2 tablespoons of the cinnamon-sugar mixture. Repeat one more for the top layer, making sure to smooth it well, and only use enough cinnamon-sugar to lightly sprinkle over the top.
6. Place the loaf pan on a baking sheet and transfer to the oven. Bake the bread for 70 to 80 minutes, or until a cake tester or toothpick inserted in the center of the loaf comes out with only a few clinging, soft crumbs; and that same tester inserted about 1/2” into the top of the loaf doesn’t encounter any unbaked batter. Don’t worry if there’s a bit of pumpkin bread on your tester. You want your pumpkin bread to be moist. Just be sure it’s not gloppy.
7. Allow to cool in the pan for 5-10 minutes (or until cool enough to handle without damaging), then wrap in plastic wrap and let sit overnight or until ready to serve, for moister bread. Alternatively, let cool in the pan entirely and serve.

\*\*\*Recipe is from [hostthetoast.com](http://hostthetoast.com).\*\*\*

Visit her blog for more recipes.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
10:30 AM Worship Service			5:00 PM Peace of Bread			October
11:45 AM Lemonade on the Lawn			6:00 Worship Committee Meeting			Newsletter Deadline
12 Rally Day	13	14	15	16	17	18
10:30AM Worship Service	5:30 PM Trustees Meeting		5:00 PM Peace of Bread			
11:45 AM Lemonade on the Lawn						
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
10:30AM Worship Service	6:30 PM Deacon's Meeting		5:00 PM Peace of Bread			
11:45 AM Lemonade on the Lawn						
26	27	28	29	30	Oct 1	Oct 2
10:30AM Worship Service			5:00 PM Peace of Bread			
11:45 AM Lemonade on the Lawn						



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